



# Arkansas Department of Human Services

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### PROPOSED - OFFICIAL NOTICE

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**TO:** **Health Care Provider – Ambulatory Surgical Center; Certified Nurse-Midwife; Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC); Hospital; Independent Lab; Nurse Practitioner; Physician and Rural Health Clinic (RHC)**

**DATE:**

**SUBJECT:** **Requirements for Requests for Extension of Benefits for Clinical, Outpatient, Laboratory and X-ray Services**

Effective for dates of service on and after January 1, 2004, new and revised procedures for requesting extension of benefits are implemented. A new form, DMS-671, Request for Extension of Benefits for Clinical, Outpatient, Laboratory and X-ray Services, has been developed effective January 1, 2004. The purpose of new and revised procedures and the new form is to reduce delays in processing requests for extension of benefits and to avoid returning requests due to incomplete information and/or lack of supportive documentation.

#### I. Procedural Policy

- A. Requests for extension of benefits are considered only after a claim is filed and is denied because the patient's benefit limits are exhausted.

A copy of the Medical Assistance Remittance and Status Report reflecting the claim benefit limit denial must be submitted with the request. *Do not* send the CMS-1500 (formerly HCFA-1500) or the CMS-1450 (formerly UB-92).

- B. A request for extension of benefits must be received within 90 calendar days of the date of benefit limit denial. Any requests received beyond the 90-day deadline will be returned and will not be considered.
- C. If the *original* claim was denied for untimely filing (365 calendar days beyond the *date of service*), extension of benefits requests will not be accepted and will be returned.

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### I. Procedural Policy (Continued)

- D. DMS Utilization Review will consider extending benefit limits in cases of medical necessity if *all* required documentation is received.

### II. Completion of Request Form DMS-671

- A. Consideration of requests for extension of benefits requires correct completion of all fields on the Request for Extension of Benefits for Clinical, Outpatient, Laboratory and X-ray Services (form DMS-671). A copy of the new form is attached to this notice.
- B. If the provider of service is a member of a provider group, the performing provider's number and the group provider number must be entered in the Medicaid provider ID number fields.
- C. The provider's signature with credentials and date of request is required on the form. Stamped or electronic signatures are accepted.
- D. Reimbursement claims for procedures should be filed in chronological order. Dates of service *must* be listed in chronological order on form DMS-671. If request includes more than four procedures, a separate form must be used for additional procedures.
- E. Enter a valid type of service code using the applicable type of service code for paper claim(s).
- F. Enter a valid diagnosis code and brief narrative description of the diagnosis.
- G. Enter a valid procedure code and a brief narrative description of the procedure.
- H. Enter the number of service units billed on denied claims.

### III. Documentation Requirements

- A. To request extension of benefits for *any* benefit limited service, all applicable records that support the medical necessity of extended benefits are required.

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### III. Documentation Requirements (Continued)

- B. The following documentation requirements are included in this notice as clarification for applicable services.
1. Clinical records *must*:
    - a. Be legible and include records supporting the specific request
    - b. Be signed by the performing provider
    - c. Include clinical, outpatient and/or emergency room records for dates of service in chronological order
    - d. Include related diabetic and blood pressure flow sheets
    - e. Include current medication list for date of service
    - f. Include obstetrical record related to current pregnancy
    - g. Include clinical indication for laboratory and x-ray services ordered with a copy of orders for laboratory and x-ray services signed by the physician
  2. Laboratory and radiology reports *must* include:
    - a. Clinical indication for laboratory and x-ray services ordered
    - b. Signed orders for laboratory and radiology services
    - c. Results signed by performing provider
    - d. Current and all previous ultrasound reports, including biophysical profiles and fetal non-stress tests

### IV. Diagnoses Exempt from Extension of Benefits Requirements

The Arkansas Medicaid Program automatically extends the benefit limits when one of following diagnosis exists and is entered as the primary diagnosis in both header and detail fields of the claim:

- A. Malignant neoplasm (ICD-9-CM code range 140.0 – 208.91)
- B. HIV disease (ICD-9-CM code 042)
- C. Renal failure (ICD-9-CM code range 584 – 586)

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### V. Reconsideration of Extension of Benefits Denial

- A. Any reconsideration request for denial of extension of benefits must be received within 30 days of the date of denial notice. When requesting reconsideration of denial, the following information is required:
  - 1. Return a copy of current NOTICE OF ACTION denial letter with re-submissions.
  - 2. Return all previously submitted documentation with additional information for reconsideration.
- B. Only one reconsideration is allowed. Any reconsideration request that does not include required documentation will be automatically denied.
- C. DMS Utilization Review reserves the right to request further clinical documentation as deemed necessary to complete medical review.

If you need this material in an alternative format, such as large print, please contact our Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator at (501) 682-6789 or 1-877-708-8191. Both telephone numbers are voice and TDD.

**If you have questions regarding this notice, please contact the EDS Provider Assistance Center at In-State WATS 1-800-457-4454, or locally and Out-of-State at (501) 376-2211.**

Thank you for your participation in the Arkansas Medicaid Program.

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Roy Jeffus, Interim Director

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